IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows.

- (Currently Amended) A centralized medical information system, said system comprising:

 a remote data center for storing medical content and medical services, said remote data

 center remotely accessible by a portal;
- a portal capable of accessing said remote data center to retrieve said medical content and said medical services; and
- a portal/data center connection allowing communication between said portal and said remote data center.
- 2. (Original) The system of claim 1, wherein said portal is accessible via a web browser.
- (Original) The system of claim 1, wherein said portal comprises a web site.
- 4. (Original) The system of claim 1, wherein said remote data center comprises a web server.

- 5. (Original) The system of claim 1, wherein said remote data center is cached and stored at a plurality of locations.
- 6. The system of claim 1, wherein said remote data center comprises an (Original) application service provider.
- (Currently Amended) The system of claim 1, wherein said portal allows said medical 7. content and said medical services to be stored at said remote data center.
- The system of claim 1, further comprising a web browser capable of 8. (Original) accessing said portal.
- (Currently Amended) The system of claim 1, further comprising an external access 9. connection for storing said medical content and said medical services at said remote data center.
- 10. (Original) The system of claim 1, further comprising an authentication unit for authorizing access to said remote data center.

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- 11. (Original) The system of claim 1, further comprising an authentication unit for authorizing access to said portal.
- 12. (Canceled)
- 13. (Canceled)
- 14. (Currently Amended) A method for accessing medical content and medical services, said method comprising:

accessing a portal;

requesting said medical content via said portal; and

retrieving said medical content from a remote data center;[[.]]

requesting medical services via said portal;

accessing said medical services via said remote data center; and

activating said medical services via said portal.

- 15. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 14, further comprising the step of displaying at least one of said medical content and said medical services via said portal.
- 16. (Original) The method of claim 14, wherein said data center comprises an application service provider.
- 17. (Original) The method of claim 14, wherein said portal comprises a web site.
- 18. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 14, wherein said portal comprises at least one link to at least one of said medical content and said medical services.
- 19. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 18, wherein said steps of requesting said medical content via said portal and requesting said medical services via said portal comprisc[[s]] selecting one of said at least one link at said portal.
- 20. (Original) The method of claim 14, wherein said remote data center is cached and stored at a plurality of locations.

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- 21. The method of claim 14, wherein said step of accessing a portal further (Original) comprises accessing a portal via a web browser.
- (Currently Amended) The method of claim 14, wherein said step of accessing a portal 22. step further comprises authenticating said access to said portal.
- 23. The method of claim 14, wherein said retrieving step further comprises (Original) authenticating said retrieval of said medical content from said remote data center.
- 24. (Canceled)
- 25. (Currently Amended) An information portal, said portal comprising:

a web site for accessing medical content and medical services, said web site providing access to a remote data center storing said medical content and said medical services.

26. (Original) The portal of claim 25, further comprising a web browser for viewing said web site.

- 27. (Original) The portal of claim 25, further comprising a portal/data center connection allowing communication between said web site and said remote data center.
- 28. (Original) The portal of claim 25, wherein said remote data center comprises a web server.
- 29. (Original) The portal of claim 25, wherein said remote data center is cached and stored at a plurality of locations.
- 30. (Original) The portal of claim 25, wherein said remote data center comprises an application service provider.
- 31. (Original) The portal of claim 25, further comprising an authentication unit for authorizing access to said web site.
- 32. (Original) The portal of claim 25, further comprising an authentication unit for authorizing access to said remote data center.

- 33. (Canceled)
- 34. (Currently Amended) A method for storing medical content and medical services at a remote data center, said method comprising:

accessing said remote data center via an external access connection; and storing said medical content and said medical services at said remote data center.

- 35. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 34, wherein said storing step further comprises authenticating said storing of said medical content and said medical services at said remote data center.
- 36. (Original) The method of claim 34, wherein said remote data center comprises an application service provider.
- 37. (Original) The method of claim 34, wherein said remote data center is cached and stored at a plurality of locations.
- 38. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 34, further comprising:

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accessing a portal to request at least one of said medical content and said medical services from said remote data center; and

retrieving at least one of said medical content and said medical services from said remote data center.

- 39. (Original) The method of claim 38, further comprising the step of displaying said medical content via said portal.
- 40. (Original) The method of claim 38, wherein said portal comprises a web site.
- 41. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 38, wherein said portal comprises at least one link to said medical content and said medical services.
- 42. (Original) The method of claim 38, wherein said step of accessing said portal comprises selecting one of said at least one link at said portal.
- 43. (Original) The method of claim 38, wherein said step of accessing a portal further comprises accessing a portal via a web browser.

- 44. (Original) The method of claim 38, wherein said accessing step further comprises authenticating said access to said portal.
- 45. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 38, wherein said retrieving step further comprises authenticating said retrieving said medical content and said medical services from said remote data center.
- 46. (Original) The method of claim 34, further comprising the step of updating a portal capable of accessing said medical content at said data center to reflect said storing of said medical content at said data center.
- 47. (Canceled)
- 48. (Original) A centralized medical information system, said system comprising:

 a remote data center for storing medical content and medical services, said remote data center remotely accessible by a portal:
- a portal capable of accessing said remote data center to retrieve said medical content and medical services; and

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a portal/data center connection allowing communication between said portal and said remote data center.

49. (Currently Amended) A web based centralized medical information system, said system comprising:

a remote data center for storing medical content and medical services, said remote data center having a web server, said web server remotely accessible by a web site; and

a web site capable of accessing said web server to retrieve said medical content and said medical services.

- 50. (Canceled)
- 51. (Canceled)